(c) The allegations were enquired into and were found without substance.

Import of finished medicines

2809. CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:-

(a) what are the mames of finished medicines imported for stock and sale in the country from 1st Jan., 1990 to 31st July, 1990;

(b) names of the importers, quantity imported by each of medicine, CIF price per unit and source of import ;

(c) what are the names of the medicines which are exempted from custom duty and since when and what are the basis on which his Ministry recommended for exemption of duty;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is clearing new drugs and new combinations of drugs for marketing in the country; and

(e) if so, names of new drugs and new combinations of one or more drug for which his Ministry received applications during 1989 and 1990 Upto 20th August, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected from Port Officers and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) The Ministry recommends for exemption from customs duty for the drugs which are life-saving. The list is as per General exemption No. 100, copy enclosed (*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 99).

(d) The Drugs Controller (India) clears the new drugs and new combinations of drugs for marketing in the country after examination and consultation with experts.

(e) A total number of 86 application for clinical trial approval of New Drugs and 96 No. of combinations have been received during the said period. The information would remain confidential till a decision is taken on these applications.

Sterilisation deaths in the country

2810. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of sterilisation deaths during the last three years; and

(b) what steps are proposed to reduce the number of deaths to zero in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The number of sterilization deaths recorded in States/Union Territories during the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 are furnished in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) The following steps have been taken for improving quality of sterilisation and Preventing morbidity and mortality:—

1. Centres of Excellence at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras are imparting training to doctors in standards for male and female sterilisation to bring about quality assurance ;

2. District/State Level Quality Assurance Committees are functioning to oversee the complications and mortality occuring due to sterilisation/MTP/IUD and to investigate into the cause of death and its prevention;

3. Central Laparoscopic Training Centres are functioning in medical